AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the

user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user of the image communication apparatus and the mail e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 7. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default identification, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without

requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 8. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user of the image communication apparatus and the mail e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 11. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 12. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 13. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a

mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address of a user, and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail.

Claim 14. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding the identification of the user of the image communication apparatus and the mail e-mail address of the user in the memory.

Claim 17. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 18. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claims 19-24. (canceled).

Claim 25. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail-e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 26. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 27. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 28. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the

information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 29. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 30. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 31. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a-mail an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the mail e-mail address of the at least one user other than the

default information and other than the default mail e-mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user are not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail.

Claim 32. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claims 34-36. (canceled).

Claim 37. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting the image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a-mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 38. (original) The method according to claim 37, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 39. (currently amended) The method according to claim 37, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 40. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a-mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is

attached when the information regarding identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 41. (original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 42. (currently amended) The method according to claim 40, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 43. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a-mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected; and

setting the information regarding the information identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail.

Claim 44. (original) The method according to claim 43, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 45. (currently amended) The method according to claim 43, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claims 46-48. (canceled).

Claim 49. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, an the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default identification, information regarding an identification of at least one user

of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 50. (original) The method according to claim 49, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 51. (currently amended) The method according to claim 49, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory

and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 52. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, an the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a-mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without

requiring input of the mail e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 53. (original) The method according to claim 52, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 54. (currently amended) The method according to claim 52, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 55. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, an the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, a default mail e-mail address, and a mail an e-mail address of the at least one user, the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information, the mail e-mail address of the at least one user being an address other than the default mail e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default mail e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information

regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are not selected;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 56. (original) The method according to claim 55, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 57. (currently amended) The method according to claim 55, wherein the default information and the default mail e-mail address are pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail e-mail address of the user are stored in the memory by the user.

Claims 58-60. (canceled).

Claim 61. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, and an e-mail address of the at least one user, and;

a panel configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user and the e-mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default e-mail address and the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel;

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel and the e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are selected by the panel, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 62. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 63. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 64. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 63, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding an identification of the user in the memory.

Claim 65. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 66. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 61, wherein the default information and the default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus are pre-stored in the memory, and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 67. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, selectable information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, and a selectable e-mail address of the at least one user, the method comprising:

setting the default e-mail address and the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not selected; and

setting the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 68. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, and an e-mail address of the at least one user;

a panel configured to select the information regarding the identification of the at least one user and the e-mail address of the at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not selected by the panel;

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel and the e-mail address of the user selected by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address are selected by the panel, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 69. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 68, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 70. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 68, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 71. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 70, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding an identification of the user in the memory.

Claim 72. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 68, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 73. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 68, wherein the default e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory, and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 74. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, selectable information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus and selectable e-mail address of the at least one user, the method comprising:

setting the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not selected; and

setting the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.